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INVOLVING HUMAN MDA-7

Group Art Unit: 1632

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED FEBRUARY 24, 2003

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Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 24, 2003 for which the date for response is March 24, 2003.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/INGN:097US.

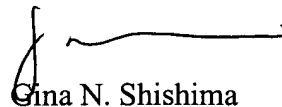
In response to the restriction requirement that the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-43, *i.e.*, the Group I claims.

Claims 1 and 36 are proper linking claims covering both Groups I and II. If claim 1 or claim 36 is found to be allowable, the Group II claims must be rejoined and considered for allowance.

Consistent with this restriction, Applicants will cancel claims 44-67.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3081 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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